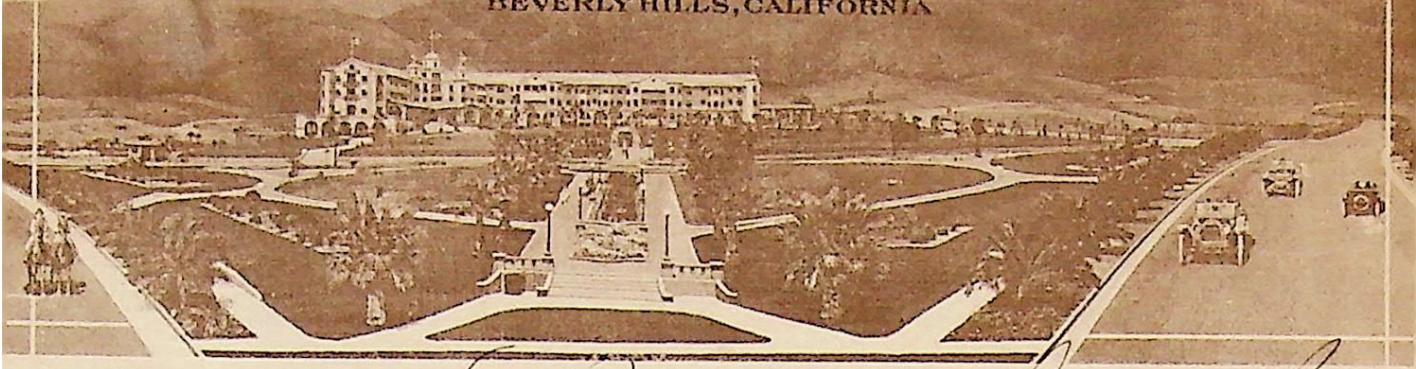


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My dear W. summis:

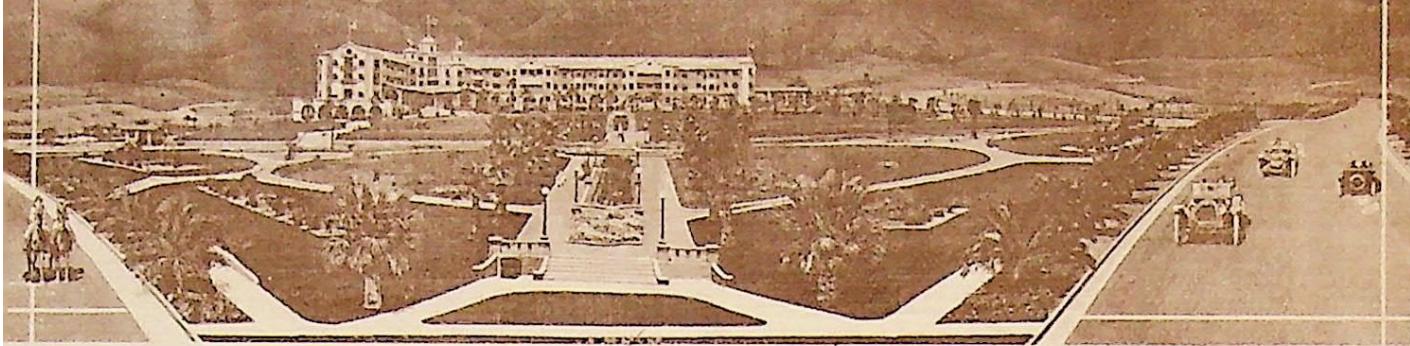
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Am indeed sorry I was forced to miss one of your delightful evenings. They are always a tonic to me, & I count myself fortunate to be numbered among your friends & to be of your gatherings.

On this occasion however, I was strug-
gling with an indisposition; still I went
up town in the afternoon to partake of
a tea given for a literary friend who
is leaving for Washington, D. C. - expect-
ing later to join Mayland Smith &
come out to your house. About
seven I phoned Mayland I was
feeling really ill, & believed I should
go home. Co-incident with that
he said he was in the front
of phoning me that one of his

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neuralgic attacks had come on & suddenly (as they often do with him) & he felt quite unequal to going out. So bereft of my escort to be, & so nearly ill I came home. I think

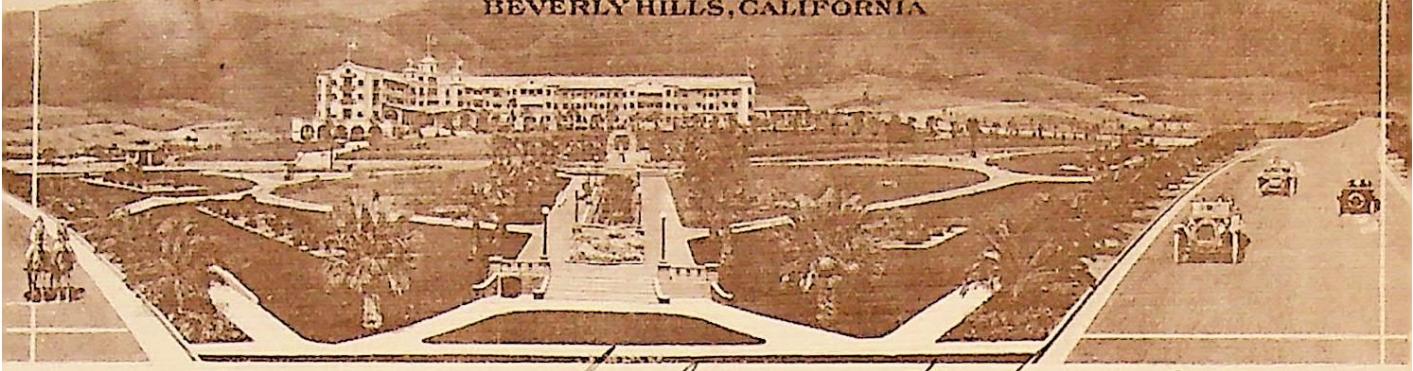
Dyland phoned you our sincere regrets. But anyway, I wanted you to know that only a seeming necessity kept us away. And I am sure you know we appreciated the invitation & I fully realize all I must have missed. I always enjoy your hospitality.

Let me hope you are feeling quite like yourself again these last days. & that I may be included in your interesting gatherings another time.

By the way, I am still spreading "the gospel" - or your gospel, as

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you ever asked me to do. A friend wants the Spanish songs -
I want another copy for myself.
This one I will not give away. So if
you feel inclined to autograph it
for me. I shall prize it all the
more.

Am enclosing my check for
3⁰⁰ which I believe covers the price.
Please send to me care Beverly Hills
Hotel, where I shall be until
Mr. Gillette & family returns from
abroad this fall. I have their hotel
bungalow in my care until then.

With best wishes always
Bonnie Blakeley.